

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-49, 53, and 57-66 have been cancelled. Claims 50-52, 54-56 and 67-72 are hereby cancelled. New claims 73-80 are added in this amendment.

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73. (New) An elongated horizontal transitional trim product mountable on a flat, vertical surface of a building, comprising:

- a) an elongated, molded, horizontally-positioned stiffening block, comprising:
 - i) a flat, vertical back surface;
 - ii) a flat, horizontal top surface;
 - iii) a flat, horizontal bottom surface; and
 - iv) a front surface extending between an outer edge proximate said top surface and an outer edge proximate said back surface, and providing in its cross-sectional profile a plurality of interconnected, continuous surfaces, including both flat and curved, vertical and horizontal surfaces;
- b) means fixedly securing said molded horizontally-positioned stiffening block directly to a flat, vertical surface of said building;
- c) an elongated, horizontal deformable metallic sheet terminating in respective upper and lower end sections located above and below a central section and characterized by said central section providing, in its cross-sectional profile, a plurality of interconnected, continuous surfaces, which mate and snugly fit the cross-sectional profile of said stiffening block; and
- d) wherein the shape of said central, upper, and lower end sections enable said sheet, prior to installation of other support means, to be installed on, supported by, and closely fitted to said stiffening block.

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74. (New) A trim product, as claimed in claim 73, including a mounting bracket fixed to said building below said bottom surface of said stiffening block, said lower end section of said sheet being adapted to be flexed and snap fitted to said bracket.

75. (New): A trim product as claimed in claim 73, wherein said upper-end section of said sheet is formed in a U-shape adapted to receive and snugly fit an exposed edge of a horizontal member secured to said building outwardly of said trim product.

76. (New): A method of forming and applying an elongated horizontal transitional trim product comprising:

- a) forming an elongated, molded, horizontally-positioned stiffening block, comprising:
 - i) a flat, vertical back surface;
 - ii) a flat, horizontal top surface;
 - iii) a flat, horizontal bottom surface; and
 - iv) a front surface extending between an outer edge proximate said top surface and an outer edge proximate said back surface, and providing in its cross-sectional profile a plurality of interconnected, continuous surfaces, including both flat and curved, vertical and horizontal surfaces;
- b) fixedly securing said molded horizontally-positioned stiffening block directly to a flat, vertical surface of said building;
- c) forming an elongated, horizontal deformable metallic sheet terminating in respective upper and lower end sections located above and below a central section and characterized by said central section providing, in its cross-sectional profile, a plurality of interconnected, continuous surfaces, which mate and snugly fit the cross-sectional profile of said stiffening block, said central, upper, and lower end sections being shaped so as to enable said sheet, prior to installation of other support means, to be installed on, supported by, and closely fitted to said stiffening block; and
- d) mounting said sheet onto said stiffening block by utilizing the shape of said central, upper, and lower end sections of said sheet to support and maintain said sheet on said stiffening block prior to installation of other support means.

77. (New): The method of claim 76, wherein said upper-end section of said sheet is formed in a U-shape adapted to receive and snugly fit an exposed edge of a horizontal member secured to said building outwardly of said trim product and including the step of installing a said horizontal member engaged with said U-shaped upper-end section.

78. (New): The method of claim 76, wherein said sheet of deformable metallic material is chosen from aluminum, copper and steel.

79. (New): The method of claim 76, wherein said molded stiffening block is made of a foamed plastic resin.

80. (New): A trim product adapted for being secured to a vertical wall of a building, comprising:

- a) a sheet of deformable material, comprising a plurality of continuous surfaces including both flat and curved surfaces located, in its cross-sectional profile, between first and second linearly extending spaced apart edge portions and connected through bends at adjoining boundaries of the surfaces;
- b) a molded block member secured to said vertical wall and shaped to substantially conform to and fill the interior of said sheet of deformable material; and
- c) wherein, depending solely on the shape of said sheet, said sheet is mounted and horizontally retained on said block member in a self-supporting manner.